

HIRAM MAXIM ON THE WAR

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OF OUR NAVY.**

The Battleship with High-Power Guns
Manned by Sailors Who Can Shoot
Straight, the Ship of the Future—Didn't

Sell Guns to Spain at the War's Beginning

Hiram S. Maxim, inventor of the automatic rapid-fire gun which bears his name, arrived yesterday from London, with Mrs. Maxim, of the Etruria. When seen at the Hotel Manhattan last night Mr. Maxim talked about the work recently done by American soldiers and sailors with all sorts of guns. Although he left this country for England seventeen years ago and has been in business there ever since, he referred throughout the interview to the American army and navy as "our army" and "our navy."

"Just before hostilities actually began," said Mr. Maxim. "I was in Paris, and I was laughed at and pitted because of my assurance that America would win. Every one in France was dead sure that the Spaniards would get the better of us. They attempted to show me that the Spanish fleets were much more effective than our own and that we had but one cruiser—the New York—worthy of the name. They said that the Americans had had no experience, and they declared, not as a joke but seriously, that the Spaniards would bombard New York and Boston within a month.

"I told them that there was an important factor that they had left out of their equation altogether, and that was the Anglo-Saxon blood of the Americans, which made victors for them a foregone conclusion.

"The *Sig* and French newspapers have published articles to the effect that there is something in the character of the Anglo-Saxon which fits him especially for sea fighting. Neptune, they say now, is always with the Anglo-Saxon, whether he flies the Union Jack or the Stars and Stripes.

"In England, at the beginning of the war the general opinion seemed to be that the Spaniards would cause a great deal of trouble and would be a serious fight with the fleet. They modified that opinion when the first big news came from Dewey.

"On the night that the details of the victory at Manila were learned in London I was invited to the United Service Club, and there I found the English naval officers as enthusiastic and as well satisfied as if they had been Americans. They declared that Dewey had recalled the glorious days of Nelson."

" At the beginning of the war a great many newspapers in England and on the Continent declared that the United States had nothing to fight about. They said that the blowing up of the Maine had been accidental. When I saw the report of the Court of Inquiry, however, I was convinced that the explosion had come from the outside. I wrote a number of articles to that effect, and had them published in London.

Relative to several newspaper reports in this country at the beginning of the war that he sold guns to Spain, Mr. Maxim said:

"Those reports were absurd, and they were instigated by a person of no mine in this country. As a matter of fact, Spain could get nothing from me because the United States Government had prohibited the sale of arms to Spain."

The Government was too quick, no doubt, that was the case. It would come, the United States Government communicated with our company by cable, and in a very short time after that we had delivered over \$2,000,000 worth of guns and ammunition to the Americans got absolutely everything they wanted. I think that the Spaniards, the Spanish buyers came, there was nothing for them. I have also been said that the bulk of my business is with Spain. The figures don't show it. Spain takes about \$300,000 worth a year. We have no orders now from the British Government there with the exception of the small quantity of arms.

The English naval officers have been astounded by the accuracy of the American marksmanship. They are asking themselves if their own men could have done as well, and they have already turned their attention to the question of more practice in target shooting.

And the Americans are asking themselves if the torpedo boat is not effective, and that torpedo boats should not be carried on battleships.

The Spaniards have shown themselves to be better marksmen than the Americans.

they had better rifles and used nothing but the smokeless powder. If the Spaniards had been so equipped, they would have had to have required a force of 75,000 troops to take Manila. As it was, the Spaniards showed no sense of discipline, and the British and American personnel were able to take advantage of a lack of discipline in the English. They did not observe in the results of the war. They think over there that it would be a great shame for the United States to allow the Philippines to be taken. We have taken. And they say that the United States has taken the Philippines from any country. Fractiously, all the English people have some understanding by which their country has taken the Philippines. They say that the United States navy for the common good of both countries. Many of them think that it would be unwise to take the Philippines. They say that it would not contribute something toward the peace of the world. They say that it would tend that many of the trading ports now open to the United States would be closed against us by Britain and Germany if it were not for the British Navy.

A baby is like crazy patchwork, composed of bits of



its ancestors. All of them contribute something to baby's physical or mental or moral make-up. The mother gives the largest share. To a great extent the health of a child depends upon the health of the mother, both before and after birth.

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